

POINTS IN POLITICS.

Conventions Held in a Number of States.

MOST ALL OF THEM REPUBLICAN.

An Exciting Day at the Illinois Capital.
Governor Fifer Renominated on the First Ballot and the Delegates-at-Large Instructed for Harrison—Conventions in Other States.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 6.—The convention reassembled at 9 o'clock and another day of excitement was apparent from the very beginning. The action of the committee on resolutions in recommending the repeal of the compulsory school law, and the substitution thereof of greatly modified legislation, had created a spirit of discontent in certain quarters and the action of the committee to select delegates-at-large had also dissatisfied the Young Republican league as well as the colored gentlemen who assumed to represent their race on the floor of the convention, and it appeared that the era of good feeling had passed.

Chairman Hopkins immediately after calling the convention to order declared the reports of committees to be in order. The sitting delegates were declared to be the regular delegates and the temporary officers were made the permanent officers of the convention.

Governor Fifer was renominated on the first ballot. The vote was as follows: Fifer, 941; Longenecker, 120; Clark, 93; Hunt, 31; Marsh, 30.

The ticket was completed as follows: Lyman B. Fay for lieutenant governor, Isaac N. Pearson for secretary of state, General C. W. Pavey for auditor, Henry L. Hertz for state treasurer, and George W. Prince for attorney general.

The platform attributes the present prosperity of the nation to the policy of protection of the Republican party as expressed in the McKinley tariff law; endorses President Harrison, and instructs the delegates-at-large to give their support for his renomination; expresses admiration for Secretary Blaine's brilliant conduct of the state department, and opposes the free coinage of silver.

West Virginia Republicans.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., May 6.—The Republican state convention for choosing delegates-at-large to Minneapolis, which opened here yesterday, closed its labors yesterday evening. It was largely attended and enthusiastic. The convention was called to order by A. W. Fleming, of Fairmont, who was afterward elected permanent chairman. R. W. Fast was elected permanent secretary.

The following were chosen delegates after a hard fight: Hon. C. Burdette Hart, of Wheeling; Hon. T. E. Davis, of Grafton; Colonel J. D. Hewitt, of Kanawha, and Hon. J. A. Hutchinson, of Parkersburg.

The resolutions adopted endorsed the administration and the McKinley bill. The unseating of General Goff as governor in 1888 was denounced. Although the delegation was uninstructed, all are Harrison men and are practically pledged to Harrison.

The second congressional district Republican convention was also held here yesterday for the purpose of nominating district delegates to Minneapolis. Professor L. C. White, of Morgantown, and Hon. George M. Bowers, of Martinsburg, were chosen. Both are for Harrison.

Kansas Republicans.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., May 6.—When the Republican state convention was called to order, it was with difficulty that the seven hundred and twenty delegates could be drawn from their work in caucus and various headquarters of the would-be congressmen.

After organization the convention proceeded to the election of six delegates-at-large to Minneapolis: ex-Senator J. J. Ingalls was elected by acclamation to head the delegation. The other delegates are Calvin Hood, of Emporia; C. C. James (colored), of Lawrence; L. A. Bigger, of Hutchinson; E. C. Little, of Aulaine; A. H. Ellis, of Beloit.

For congressman-at-large, ex-Governor George T. Anthony, of Ottawa, was elected.

No instructions were given the delegation to the national convention, but the following resolution endorsing Harrison's administration was adopted: "That as President Harrison's administration has been eminently sound and able and has so strongly commended itself to the business interests of the country, that the Republicans of Kansas stand united for his renomination and election."

Delaware Republicans.

DOVER, Del., May 6.—The Republican state convention met here yesterday. Senator Anthony Higgins and General James H. Wilson, of New Castle county; George V. Massey and Dr. George W. Marshall, of Kent, and J. Frank Bacon and George F. Pierce, of Sussex, were elected as the national delegates.

The national delegates were not instructed, but Harrison is their choice. Delegates-at-large are an unknown quantity in Delaware, district delegates being the state's only representatives in both parties.

Shortest Convention on Record.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., May 6.—Sixty delegates representing the counties of Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence met in district convention here yesterday, and chose Hon. M. S. Quay, of Beaver, and David W. Pierson, of this city, national delegates to the Republican convention at Minneapolis. E. E. Abrams, of Butler, and James J. Davidson, of Beaver, were selected as alternates. The convention was the shortest on record. The meeting was called to order at twenty minutes to 2, and at twelve minutes to 2 had adjourned.

Vermont Democrats.

MONTPELIER, Vt., May 6.—The Democratic state convention was called to order yesterday by Chairman Atkins, of the state committee, whose reference to Cleveland evoked great applause. Stephen Shurtleff was made chairman. Bradley B. Smalley, of Burlington, was

nominated for governor. The platform adopted expresses approval of Cleveland's administration and determination to renew efforts for tariff reform. Delegates to the national convention were elected but are uninstructed.

Virginia Republicans.

ROANOKE, Va., May 6.—The Republican state convention met here yesterday and elected the following delegates: Delegates-at-large, General William Mahone, S. Brown Allen, A. W. Harris, Hon. Henry Bowen. Alternates, Colonel J. S. Browning, R. A. Paul, M. C. Cardozo, J. W. Simmons. Electors-at-large, Hon. A. I. Mooklar, Robert J. Walker. The delegates were not instructed.

Minnesota Republicans.

ST. PAUL, May 6.—The Republican state convention yesterday selected the following delegates to Minneapolis: John S. Pillsbury, Stanford Newell, Frank A. Day and F. B. Daugherty. They are uninstructed but are for Blaine and will not vote for Harrison unless he is certain of the nomination without their votes. The convention was uproariously for Blaine from start to finish.

Wisconsin Republicans.

MILWAUKEE, May 6.—The Republican state convention met here yesterday afternoon and chose delegates-at-large and alternates as follows. Delegates-at-large—John C. Spooner, Lucius Fairchild and Isaac Stephenson. Alternates—M. A. Thayer, John Ruka, Robert McMillan and H. D. Smith.

Idaho Republicans.

POCATELLO, Id., May 6.—The Republican state convention met here yesterday and selected delegates to Minneapolis and instructed them to cast their vote for Blaine if he can be induced to run. Their second choice is President Harrison.

Rhode Island Republicans.

PROVIDENCE, May 6.—The Republican state convention elected W. C. Roelker, Samuel P. Colt, W. M. Gregory, and Frank C. Harris delegates-at-large to Minneapolis. Blaine's name was cheered and Harrison's still more.

AN ENGINEER'S FATE.

Taken from His Cab Unconscious and the Cause Unknown.

FONDA, N. Y., May 6.—Billy Whipple, the engineer on the fast freight coming east on the Central road, was taken from his engine at this place yesterday. He was unconscious and his head and face were terribly bruised. He will probably die. His fireman says that two miles east of Palatine bridge, he called to the engineer, and receiving no response, went over and found his head and shoulders hanging out of the cab window. He was unconscious and presented a bruised and bloody appearance.

The fireman ran the train through to Fonda. He is of the opinion that Engineer Whipple struck his head against some obstruction. Railroad men say, however, that there is no obstruction on the road between Palatine and Fonda. Those who assisted the engineer from the cab were surprised to find his chain dangling from his pocket. His watch was handed to the authorities by the fireman, who said he picked it up in the cab. It is said that Whipple had a hundred dollar bill in his pocket when he started on the trip, but there was found a little over \$40 on his person here. An investigation will be held.

OLD JOHN,

The Louisville Horsechief, Well and Fully Identified.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., May 6.—John Harris, an antiquarian in thievery, who was arrested at Louisville yesterday, and who claimed that he was a Cincinnati mission worker, is none other than John Maxwell, who is known in penitentiary circles in Stillwater, Minn.; Joliet, Ill.; Michigan City, Ind., and Jeffersonville, Indiana.

He has served forty years behind the bars. Old John, as he is called, was released from the penitentiary here Jan. 28, 1892, after serving three years for stealing a horse and buggy in Dearborn county, Ind. He is a pronounced horse-thief, and when in prison here, said he could not but recall the number of horses he had stolen; but they numbered in the hundreds. He is seventy-five years old, has a glib tongue, and, by prison officials, is said to be one of the slickest criminals on the road.

Fatal Results of a Quarrel.

AKRON, O., May 6.—"He was doing me, and I hit him with a chunk of iron." That is the way Aubrie Leclair described a fight between himself and Fred Russell, which occurred yesterday, and resulted in the death of Russell late last night. Leclair and Russell were employed in the knife works of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing company. Russell and some other boys angered Leclair by throwing iron shavings at him. Russell was nineteen years old and Leclair twenty. The latter was arrested this morning on the charge of murder.

Defended Herself with a Hatchet.

LIMA, O., May 6.—Last night Emma Wells, a lewd woman, was locked up to await the result of injuries inflicted upon Hugh Cooney in a free-for-all fight the night previous. The affair happened in a house of ill-repute, when Cooney and his brother assaulted her. She defended herself with a hatchet and cut Cooney's head open. He is in a dying condition.

Attacked by a Tiger.

READING, Pa., May 6.—Lawrence W. Scott, who has charge of several vicious tigers belonging to Forepaugh's circus, was attacked by one of the animals here yesterday and seriously injured. His scalp was lacerated in a frightful manner, but he will probably recover. He was taken to the hospital. Scott lives in St. Paul.

Prominent Railroad Man Dead.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—William P. Shinn, whose reputation as a prominent railroad man was national, died Thursday at his residence in Homewood, near this city. Death was caused by a complication of diseases, his illness dating from January last. Mr. Shinn was very wealthy.

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